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Sl.1 From The Secy to Govt Home Dept
R.F-42/40/81 dt 2nd Feb. 43 requesting
that Capital Works Programmes in Indian States
be restricted to the utmost possible extent for
the reasons stated.

Chief Engr's remarks on the P.O.D. for perusal.
The Chief Engineer, G.S. CP-S and the Genl. Manager Mys
Rys may be asked to keep this in view. a copy of
the letter being sent to them confidentially for info/MS.
Devan (for) N.M. 5/2

Submitted with a draft to the Concerned Officers.
Some other time when
may be drawn to the Genl. P.W.D. Secretary
for perusal
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Issue 3375-78/W dated 8th Feb. 43 to the C.E
Secs
S.E.
G.M. Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR L. S. G. & P. H.
Date 13-2-43.
No. 6465

P. W. SECRETARIAT.
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Date 9/2/43

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9/2/43

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Elect Engr
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Minister for P.W.
Minister for Ed.
Minister for L.S.G.
13.2.43

The building programmes Capital
the annual Grants, you are not to exceed
Capital basis, unless [illegible]
13.2.43

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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No. H.-F. 42-43/G&A.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, the 2 Feby. *1943*.

MEASURES TO PREVENT INFLATION-CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMMES.

Sir,

As the Government of Mysore are aware, price level are rising and increasing hardship is being caused to the community at large which is revealing itself in continuous demands for higher wages and salaries. This is probably mainly due to the large demands made on the resources of Indi and if the position is not remedied it may lead to serious inflation. In particular, large Government expenditure on Capital Works Programmes has had a tendency to push up prices Competition and urgency result in building prices being pushe to high levels and the cost of Government expenditure on essential works being greatly increased. Shortages of materials are also serious but, while this in itself tends to prevent the less essential projects being proceeded with, it is by no means certain that all the materials available are actually being utilised for work of the greatest urgency and essentiality. Besides, purchases of materials from the blac market or from stocks available in private hands are also undesirable as they tend to increase prices all round and aggravate matters.

2. The inflationary tendency is likely to increase owing to the fact that over the ensuing eighteen months at least, the Central Government will continue to be faced with a huge programme of essential Capital Works of all kinds - mu of which will have to be implemented with considerable speed in connection with the defence services which will tax all th constructional resources of the country in materials, labour, supervision and transportation to the utmost.

3. In view of the seriousness of the position the various possible measures which could be taken to prevent inflation and rectify the present position were considered at a recent meeting of the War Resources Committee of Council and it was agreed that, besides other measures, the question of scrutinising and controlling Capital Works Programmes, particularly buildings, and keeping them to the barest minimum required should be vigorously pursued. The Central Government have accordingly decided that in respect of their works the Capital Works Programme throughout India should be curtailed as far as is possible and that only such capital works should be undertaken as are "inescapable". The Provincial Governments have also been requested to apply this criterion as a matter of urgency to all capital works proposed to be undertaken by them and to defer the taking up of any such capital work as does not fulfil this condition. In order that Capital Works undertaken by private parties should also be restricted to the maximum possible extent - as any such construction increases the demand for labour and materials, and puts up prices - the Central Government are considering the desirability of controlling by licence certai types of building.

4. The Crown Representative is desirous that these considerations be brought to the notice of the Indian States which are likely to undertake Capital Works and Projects, either themselves or through Railways, Ports and other Administrations under their control and that, for the essential reasons stated above, the Capital works Programmes in Indian States be restricted to the utmost possible extent. The Hon'ble the Resident would be grateful if the Government of Mysore would kindly comply with the wishes and advice of His Excellency the Crown Representative in this vitally important matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Date of issue..... 8.2.43.....

Signed by..... K. S/C.V .....

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No. 3375-78/W Enclosed 8.2.43

To C. E.
G. S. C. I. S
.. J. P. S
S. M Mahy.

Measures to prevent inflation-
Capital Works Programmes.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Resy letter d 2nd Feby. 43 on the above subject and to request that this may be kept in view when considering Capital works programmes.

~~I am to add that the Communication is treated as Confidential~~

I have the

2 Chief Engineers

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

SECRET.

No. **General and Revenue Secretariat,**

Dated Bangalore, ...8th February.....194 3.

FROM 3375-78/W Enclose

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To C. E., S. C. P. S, S. S. A. S
S. P. W. Mysore.

SIR,

Measures to prevent inflation - Capital Works Programmes.

I am directed to enclose herein for information a copy of Residency letter dated 2nd February 1943 on the above subject and to request that this may be kept in view when undertaking capital works programmes.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Government.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

SECRET.

No. 3375-78/43 Enclose General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore, ...8th February.....*1943*.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To C.E; G.M. CPS; G.M. GB; G.M. MSRy

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Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Telephone No. 2256

IN REPLY REFER TO No. 3253 ENCLO.

Telegraphic Address "GENJOG"

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE
ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
Jog Power Scheme
United India Buildings
Bangalore City, Febry 12th 1943
(MYSORE, S. INDIA.)

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Measures to prevent inflation - Capital Works Programmes.

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter No.3375-78/W, dated the 8th instant, and to submit that necessary action is being taken in accordance with the instructions contained therein.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

B K Ram Prasad
General Superintendent, 12/2/43
Jog Power Scheme.

Hrbd for perusal. The main file was sent to the PW Secy for perusal.

RS 13/2

BG